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SUBJECT: MADRID PRESS ON SPANISH NATO ENTRY

1. MAY 16 YA (CATHOLIC CENTRIST) COMMENTARY
ENTITLED "THE SECURITY OF SPAIN AND HER POSTURE
TOWARD THE UNITED STATES" CONCLUDES:

2. "...THE SOVIET UNION HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED INTO
AN OLD-STYLE POWER...NEITHER NATO NOR ANY OTHER
DEFENSE ORGANIZATION ARE WORTH ANYTHING WITHOUT THE
UNITED STATES. TO THINK SOMETHING ELSE IS TO FOOL
ONESELF...WE NEED THE UNITED STATES WITH NATO OR
WITHOUT IT...THEY AND WE ARE UNITED IN THE CAUSE
OF THE SURVIVAL OF THE FREEDOM...OF MANKIND."

3. OTHER MADRID NEWSPAPERS SAME DATE GIVE EXTENSIVE
COVERAGE TO NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL ON SPANISH
NATO ENTRY. DIARIO 16 (LEFT SENSATIONALIST): "THE
EDITORIAL...POINTS OUT THAT SPANISH PARTICIPATION
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COULD FACILITATE AN AGREEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN
FOR THE RETURN OF GIBRALTAR TO SPAIN AND ELIMINATE
A SOURCE OF FRICTION WITH THE UNITED STATES BY
MULTILATERALIZING THE 'FOREIGN' BASES ON SPANISH
SOIL."

4. JUAN YUSTE WRITES FROM WASHINGTON FOR EL PAIS

(INDEPENDENT LIBERAL LEFT): "ALTHOUGH THE EDITORIAL IS TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF THE INCORPORATION OF OUR COUNTRY INTO NATO, IT MAKES REPEATED WARNINGS TO THE ALLIED GOVERNMENTS TO NOT PUT PRESSURE ON MADRID, NOR PRESENT THEIR ARGUMENTS WITH TOO MUCH FORCE."

5. JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL WRITES FROM NEW YORK FOR ABC: "THE ANALYSIS CONTAINS MANY POINTS FOR REFLECTION...BUT AMONG THESE SOMETHING OF CAPITAL IMPORTANCE IS SLIPPED IN: FOR THE FIRST TIME IN A NEW YORK TIMES EDITORIAL, THERE IS THE JUDGEMENT THAT GIBRALTAR SHOULD BE RETURNED TO SPAIN...IT SEEMS AS IF YEARS OF EFFORTS HAMMERING THIS THEME ARE BEGINNING TO BEAR FRUIT PRECISELY WHEN AMONG US GROW THE FIRST DOUBTS." RYLANCE

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